

Dr. Carl Epling, Department of Botany, University of California at Los Angeles, made a trip up the Redwood Highway of California during June in order to study the Labiatae in that region.

The following recent publications are of interest to botanists of western North America.

"Notes on the Flora of the Charleston Mountains, Clark County, Nevada," by Ira W. Clokey (Bull. So. Calif. Acad. Sci. 37: 1-11. 1938). Mr. Clokey, who has been making extensive collections in the Charleston Mountains for several years, describes six new entities in this paper: *Calochortus rhodothecus*, *Aquilegia scopulorum* subsp. *perplexans*, *Potentilla cryptocaulis*, *Ditaxis diversiflora*, *Angelica scabrida* Clokey and Mathias, *Senecio Andersonii*.

"Studies in Penstemon VI. The section *Aurator*" by David D. Keck (Bull. Torrey Bot. Club 65: 233-255. 1938). In this paper, the section *Aurator* is erected and the following subspecies and varieties are proposed as new: *Penstemon Jamesii* subsp. *brevicululus*, *P. eriantherus* var. *grandis* Pennell and Keck, *P. eriantherus* var. *redactus* Pennell and Keck, *P. Whitedii* subsp. *tristis* Pennell and Keck.

"Plants of Rock Creek Lake Basin, Inyo County, California, a check list" by Frank W. Peirson, privately published by the author, 1938. Mr. Peirson has collected and studied the plants of this region intensively for a number of years. The remarkably complete annotated list contains over 320 species and varieties found above 10,500 feet elevation in this area on the east side of the Sierran crest.

#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE CALIFORNIA BOTANICAL SOCIETY

The California Botanical Society celebrated its Silver Jubilee on the evening of April 23, 1938, on the occasion of the annual dinner. This was held in the Berkeley Women's City Club and was attended by about 130 members and friends of the Society. Special effort was made to reach as many as possible of the remaining 205 charter members of the Society, for the Silver Jubilee was planned to honor them and particularly the founder of the Society, Professor W. L. Jepson.

The entire second floor of the club house was at the disposal of the Society for the evening and many old acquaintances were renewed as friends came together who had become active in other than botanical lines in recent years. Amateur and professional botanists were there in equal numbers.

Professor W. W. Robbins, of the University of California Agricultural Experiment Station at Davis, presided ably as toastmaster following the dinner. He was introduced by the Presi-

dent of the Society, Professor H. E. McMinn. Dr. Robbins called for short speeches from several persons including Mr. James B. Smith and Mrs. Adeline Frederick, charter members, who combined early reminiscences with tributes to the founder; Professor W. W. Mackie, who discussed some of the early field trips of the Society and the interesting personalities who attended and inspired them; and Professor George J. Peirce, past president of the Society, who read a series of communications from charter members who were unable to attend the banquet, yet who wished to recall the inspirational leadership, good comradeship and steady progress that had marked the organization since its founding. Dr. Peirce then announced the election of Dr. Jepson to life membership in the Society and called upon him as the last speaker.

Dr. Jepson, in addressing the large group of friends and early associates, emphasized the ideals upon which the California Botanical Society was founded and which guided its early leaders. He concluded with an exhortation to the coming ranks to adhere to the ideals of the Society in making new advances. After touching upon the early meetings and the labors of many to insure the success of the organization, the speaker related the historical background of the founding of the Society. One of the functions of the California Botanical Society as visualized by its founder was realized during the first year of the organization, when the members of the Second International Phytogeographic Excursion were entertained at dinner at the Hotel Oakland, Sept. 12, 1913. This occasion brought together perhaps the most notable assemblage of world-renowned botanists in the history of the state.

The history of Madroño was related by the speaker together with the reasons for its name and format. The journal has always been edited as an inviting magazine to the reader, with diversity of content, accuracy and dignity.

Dr. Jepson then suggested means by which the needs of West Coast botanists may be more fully met by the Society. These included the organization of long distance field trips to outstanding botanical localities, such as the Mohave Desert and the "White Plains" or pine barrens of the Mendocino coast. He pointed out the desirability of preparedness to aid in preserving and conserving our botanical heritage when such occasions arise, as when, for example, the largest known individuals of our tree species are threatened with destruction.

After the address the gathering lingered for social intercourse and the opportunity to greet the founder. A suitably inscribed herbarium sheet was passed around for "annotating" and the entire party enrolled thereon, following which the document was presented to Professor Jepson.—D. D. КЕСК.